Chakato language

Chakato (Jakato [ʒàkàtɔ̀]) is a West Chadic language spoken in Plateau State, Nigeria. It was identified by Roger Blench in 2016.[1] It is spoken by about 500 people in one village, Dokan Tofa, which is located on the Jos-Shendam road in Plateau State. Blench (2017) suggests that Chakato may be related to spurious records of the Jorto language. Chakato speakers claim that their language is closely related to Goemai.[1]

Jakato is spoken in Dokan Tofa town and nearby villages in southern Plateau State. Dokan Tofa town is situated about 50 km north of Shendam.[3]

Chakato	
Jakato; Jorto	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Plateau State
Native speakers	500 (2016)[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic ▪ Chadic ▪ West Chadic ▪ Bole–Angas ▪ Angas (A.3) ▪ **Chakato**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`jrt`
Glottolog	`jort1240 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/jort1240)`[2]

Jorto

Jorto is a putative Afro-Asiatic language claimed to be spoken in Plateau State, Nigeria, and is currently listed in *Ethnologue*. It was introduced in an ethnographic study by C. G. Ames in 1934.[4] It has now been retired by *Glottolog*, based on fieldwork evidence presented by Roger Blench that suggests that there is no independent evidence that Jorto ever existed.[5][6] However, a request to retire Jorto's ISO 639-3 jrt code is rejected because a team in Nigeria surveyed a region, that although they call their language as "Jakattoe", the "Jorto" is used by a neighboring people group.[7]

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